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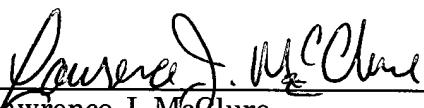
5. A list of 18 reference(s) is in the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCES

- Enclosed is a search report for a counterpart application. The search report Examiner has provided comments on the relevancy of any non-English language references cited in the search report.
- The specification incorporates comments on the relevancy of Non-English language references.
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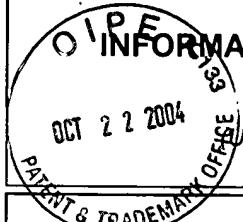
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	4,770,723	09/13/88	SAGAWA, et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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